

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 140

BY REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS

A RESOLUTION

To commend the David Crockett Steam Fire Company Number 1 upon its one hundred seventy-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the David Crockett Steam Fire Company Number 1 was established in July 1841 when twenty-seven men of the village of Mechanickham organized to protect their families and homes from the ravages of fire; it is now the oldest continuously active volunteer fire company in the United States; and

WHEREAS, today, the department responds within the incorporated city of Gretna to protect life and property; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the department is the preservation and protection of life and property from and during such fires as may occur in the city of Gretna, the provision of assistance to neighboring fire companies when requested to do so, the extension of a fraternal feeling among its membership, and the providing of assistance in case of any natural and man-made disasters; and

WHEREAS, the department operates five engines, one rescue, one hose tender, one ladder, one reserve ladder, one rescue boat, and three all-terrain vehicles out of four stations; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the department responded to 295 fire, rescue, public assistance, and mutual aid requests; and

WHEREAS, the department operates a junior firefighter program for teenagers wanting to learn about firefighting, and many junior firefighters apply for membership in the department upon reaching the age of eighteen; and

WHEREAS, the department's response area has a population of over sixteen thousand and enjoys a class two fire rating, which provides area residents with a sizable discount on fire insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS, the department's original fire house, at 205 Lafayette Street, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is home to one of the nation's few firefighting museums; and

WHEREAS, in addition to its continuing efforts to protect life and property, the department was known for its parades, in which members, attired in vintage uniforms, would pull an 1876 steam pumper down the streets of Gretna; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2016, the department will celebrate its one hundred seventy-fifth anniversary and is worthy of high honor and commendation as the oldest continuously active volunteer fire company in the United States.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the David Crockett Steam Fire Company Number 1 upon its one hundred seventy-fifth anniversary and hereby expresses sincere appreciation to the department for its noble efforts to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the chief of David Crockett Steam Fire Company Number 1.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES